

# Actions in Cluster Transition and Deactivation for Locally-Led Coordination

For Country-Level Cluster Coordination Teams

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This tipsheet provides **practical guidance** for country-level cluster coordination teams to **ensure that cluster transition and deactivation processes are inclusive, sustainable, and locally-led**. It highlights **concrete actions** that **strengthen the participation, leadership and resourcing of local and national actors** (LNAs\*- which includes state authorities), while promoting **equitable partnerships, capacity exchange, and accountability to affected populations**. The tipsheet complements the IASC Guidance on Cluster Transition and Deactivation, as well as the transition and deactivation notes and advisories developed by the Global Clusters to support country teams.



\*The IASC considers LNAs to be state authorities of the affected aid recipient country engaged in relief, whether at local or national level, and organisations engaged in relief that are headquartered and operating in their own aid recipient country and which are not affiliated to an international NGO.

\*\*Click [here](#) to access practical ways and approaches on promoting local leadership within cluster system. For additional guidance on embedding localisation in cluster coordination click [here](#) to access the Inter Agency toolkit on localisation in humanitarian coordination.

For more information, please contact your global cluster focal point.



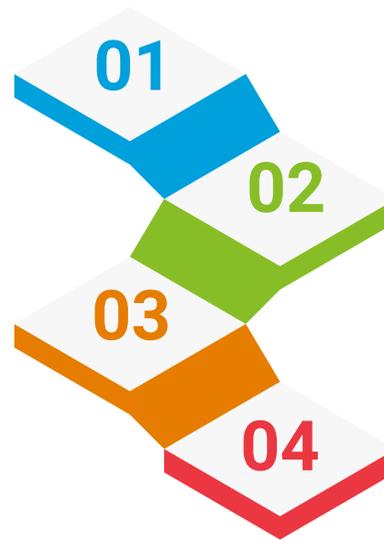
## 01. START AND RESOURCE EARLY

- Conduct **stakeholder mapping of LNAs** including WLOs and OPDs, and existing local coordination networks at national and sub-national levels.
- Engage LNAs in **identifying coordination, planning, and monitoring needs** after deactivation.
- Define **transition benchmarks** that explicitly include **resourcing, participation and leadership of LNAs in clusters** prior, during and after transition.
- Integrate LNAs in **preparedness planning** for future emergencies.
- Monitor progress with **regular feedback** with LNAs and affected communities.



## 03. PROMOTE LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND FACILITATE CAPACITY EXCHANGE

- Involve cluster **co-coordinating agencies and co-coordinator(s)** throughout the transition and deactivation processes.
- Develop **transition and deactivation plans** with cluster members and relevant government agencies in line with humanitarian principles.
- Develop and implement a **tailored capacity exchange plan**, based on identified needs, to enhance the **institutional and technical capacities** of local and national actors for effective coordination.
- Support **knowledge exchange** that contributes to effective national systems strengthening.
- Facilitate **direct engagement and sustained linkages between LNAs and donors** to enhance access to resources and equitable partnerships.



## 02. INCLUSIVE PLANNING, MONITORING AND PREPAREDNESS

- Promote the **participation and leadership of LNAs**, including co-leadership or co-coordination roles when clusters are activated – and systematically **identify and address barriers that hinder the participation and leadership** of underrepresented groups, such as **Women-Led Organisations (WLOs)** and **Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)**.
- Advocate for **dedicated and flexible funding to LNAs** to sustain their coordination roles.
- Ensure cluster strategies include a **transition section** with **localisation milestones and commitments** including clear targets for funding, leadership, and capacity strengthening.
- Strengthen the **capacity of LNAs for effective coordination including coaching and mentoring**.
- Support local and national authorities so they can deliver on their **accountabilities to the population**.



## 04. COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK MECHANISMS

- Maintain clear and accessible **two-way communication and feedback with LNAs**, especially state authorities, and affected communities throughout the processes.
- **Connect national structures** taking over coordination with **Global Cluster Teams** for continuous guidance and backstopping
- Document and share **lessons learned** to inform future transition and deactivation processes.